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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. STATE 84528 REPORTS THAT RABBI SCHNEIER WILL BE VISITING CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE USSR IN JUNE, AND THAT HE HAS ALREADY MET WITH EUR/EE OFFICERS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SCHNEIER'S PLANS FOR HIS USSR VISIT, AND ALSO THE EXACT DATES HE INTENDS TO BE HERE.

2. FOR LEN WILLEMS: RE VO'S MEMO OF MARCH 16 ON ONE YEAR B-1 VISAS TO SOVIET COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL: WE APPRECIATE VO AND INS ATTEMPTS TO HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE SO THAT WE MAY OFFER SOVIETS YEAR VALIDITY B-1 VISAS FOR SOVIET COMMERCIAL TYPES AS QUID PRO QUO FOR SIMILAR CONCESSIONS BY SOVIETS. WE HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSITION THAT WE SHOULD START ISSUANCE OF SUCH VISAS BEFORE WE OBTAIN RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS FROM THE SOVIET SIDE IN THE CONSULAR TALKS. AS YOU KNOW THIS IS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CURRENT TALKS AND WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO HANDING THEM YEAR VALIDITY VISAS ON SILVER PLATTER BEFORE WE ARE CERTAIN OUR BUSINESSMEN HERE ARE ASSURED THE SAME TREATMENT.

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3. RE STATE 85761, PARA 1: CONCERNING AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENT NOTARIZED BY VILNIUS NOTARY J. MIEZENIENE, YOUR RECOLLECTION IS CORRECT. WE CAN AUTHENTICATE SIGNATURES ONLY OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. PROPER PROCEDURE FOR CASE IN QUESTION THEREFORE WOULD BE TO HAVE MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION

AUTHENTICATE MIEZENIENE'S SIGNATURE AND THEN SUBMIT TO US
FOR AUTHENTICATION OF LATTER'S AUTHENTICATION.

4. RE STATE 83884: WE ARE SURE THAT YOU HAVE CAREFULLY
WEIGHED THE RISKS OF SENDING BENINGSSEN ON TDY TO THE USSR
IN VIEW OF HIS LATVIAN BIRTH. SUBSTANTIVELY, MOSCOW AND
LENINGRAD WELCOME THE NEWS THAT HE MAY BE COMING TO
REVIEW REPLIST AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROBLEMS: HE MAY
ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER A SHORT VISIT TO KAP. WE FOUND OUR
DIALOGUE WITH PAUL BROADBENT ON THESE MATTERS VERY USEFUL
WHEN HE VISITED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO AND LOOK FORWARD TO
THE SAME DURING NICK'S VISIT. IF CLIFF GROSS HAS NO OTHER
GUESTS AT THE TIME FIXED FOR HIS VISIT, NICK WILL BE
WELCOME TO STAY AT HIS APARTMENT. TOON

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